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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Examiner: Kaputa, A.

Heath et al.

Group Art Unit: 1817

Serial No.: 08/699,716

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For: Recombinant F1-V Plague Vaccine

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April 10, 1998

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 10, 1997 in the subject application the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fee herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

1 (Amended). An isolated and purified F1-V DNA fragment which encodes all [or a portion] of F1 capsular antigen of *Yersinia pestis* and all [or a portion] of V antigen of *Yersinia pestis*.

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